Doubutsu no Oishasan

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動物の
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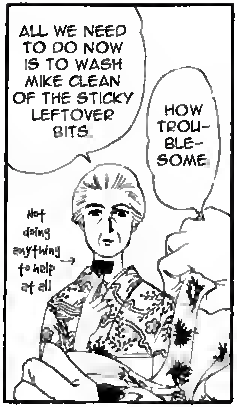
OH, THERE'S A FLY
BUZZ
*Y/N: a kind of thick jellied dessert
NIKAIDOU, GUARD THE YOUKAN*.
SWAT! SWAT! SWAT! SWAT! SWAT!
Y-YES!
JACQUES

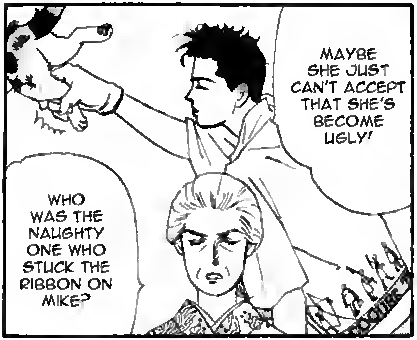
SMACK!
FLY RIBBON
BUZZ
SWAT!
SWAT!
SWAT!
IT IS STUCK ON THE FLY RIBBON.
FLY RIB-BON.
DO WE HAVE SOME-THING LIKE THAT AT HOME?
IT IS?
WE DO!
LOOK!

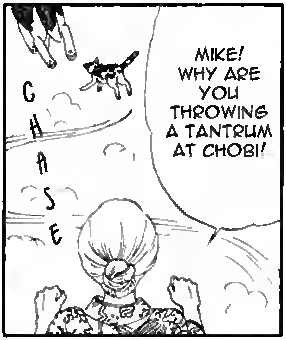
MIKE!
What are you all shouting for?!
FLY RIP
WE CAN ONLY CUT MIKE'S FUR OFF
WE CAN'T TEAR IT OFF, IT'S TOO STICKY
It hurts!

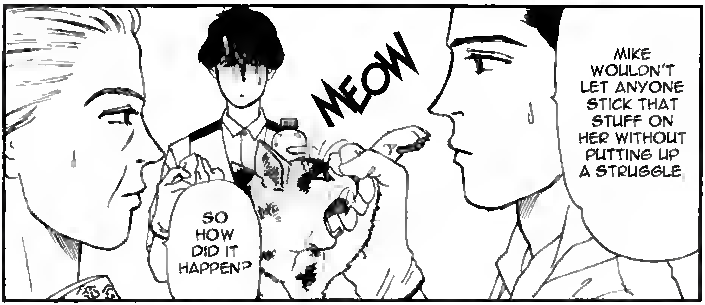
Hmph! What are you staring at long-nose ...?!
SMACK!
Ouch!

IS THERE A SOLVENT OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT?


ALL WE NEED TO DO NOW IS TO WASH MIKE CLEAN OF THE STICKY LEFTOVER BITS.
HOW TROU-BLE-SOME
Not doing anything to help at all

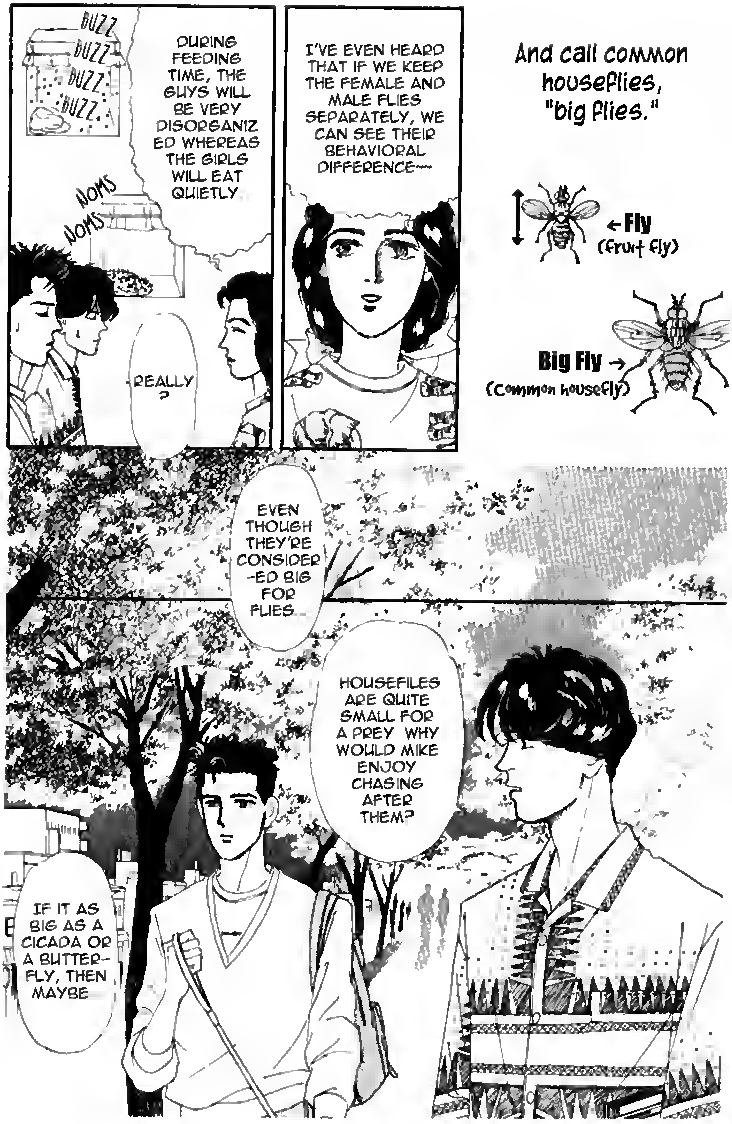

MAYBE SHE JUST CAN'T ACCEPT THAT SHE'S BECOME UGLY!
WHO WAS THE NAUGHTY ONE WHO STUCK THE RIBBON ON MIKE?


CHASE
MIKE! WHY ARE YOU THROWING A TANTRUM AT CHOBI!


MEOW
SO HOW DID IT HAPPEN?
MIKE WOULDN'T LET ANYONE STICK THAT STUFF ON HER WITHOUT PUTTING UP A STRUGGLE

.....
REALLY? IS IT MIKE'S OWN FAULT...?
IS IT LIKE THIS? MIKE
I SUPPOSE SHE FELL ON THE FLY RIBBONS WHEN SHE WAS CHASING AFTER THE FLIES!
SEX. MRROWLR!
No matter how it happened, this is a big embarrassment for Mike.
.....
:STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE!!
The solvent has gone into Mike's wounds where her fur was plucked.
PA
TA
TA
TA
TA
ACK!
And,
Mike is an example of "when it rains, it pours!"
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

OH, WE SHOULDN'T HAVE USED THE SOLVENT!
The pain is killing me.
POOR THING, SHE HAD TO UNDERGO SUCH ABUSE.
She'll come back when she's hungry!
MIKE MIGHT NEVER COME BACK BECAUSE OF THIS
Said the one who didn't lift a finger.
WHAT— MIKE WAS PLAYING WITH BIG FLIES AND HAD FLY RIBBONS STUCK ON HER—
Slow to catch on
BECAUSE MY FRIEND IS STUDYING GENETICS—
What do you mean "BIG"?
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
BIG FLIES—?
Researchers who work with genetics refer to fruit flies as "flies."
Fruits flies are commonly used in genetics research.
2R
3R
2L
Chromosomes
Fruit flies


BUZZ
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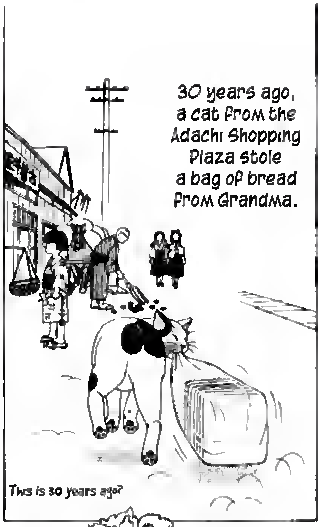
DURING FEEDING TIME, THE GUYS WILL BE VERY DISORGANIZ ED WHEREAS THE GIRLS WILL EAT QUIETLY
NOMS
NOMS
REALLY ?
I'VE EVEN HEARD THAT IF WE KEEP THE FEMALE AND MALE FLIES SEPARATELY, WE CAN SEE THEIR BEHAVIORAL DIFFERENCE~
And call common houseflies, "big flies."
← Fly
(Fruit fly)
Big Fly →
(Common housefly)
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE CONSIDER -ED BIG FOR FLIES...
HOUSEFILES ARE QUITE SMALL FOR A PREY WHY WOULD MIKE ENJOY CHASING AFTER THEM?
IF IT AS BIG AS A CICADA OR A BUTTER- FLY, THEN MAYBE

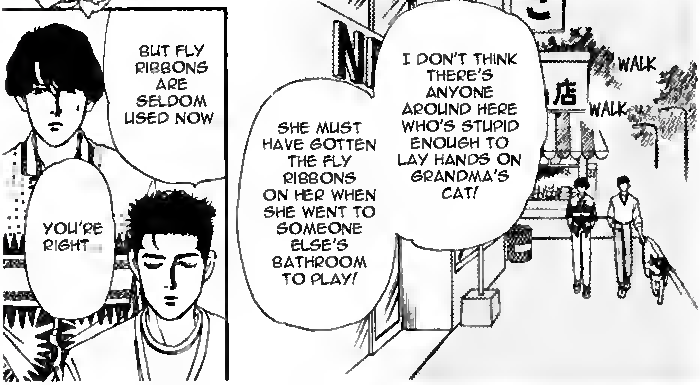
SHE WENT OUT AGAIN AFTER COMING BACK FOR DINNER...
WHERE IS MIKE?
...It's rats!
BUT HER FAVORITE IS RA...
DON'T SAY IT!
WHAT MATTERS?
MAYBE IT IS NOT BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO STAY AT HOME, BUT RATHER THAT SHE HAS SOME MATTERS TO ATTEND TO OUTSIDE?
That cat is really smart.
PERHAPS SHE THINKS THAT SHE MIGHT BE ABUSED AGAIN!
RE-VENGE!
TO GET BACK AT THE FELLOW WHO STUCK THE FLY RIBBONS ON HER!!
IS THAT SO...

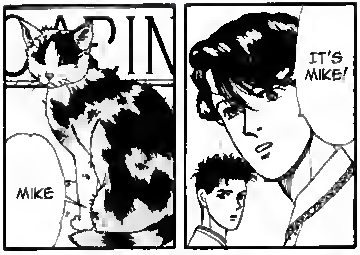
About a week ago Mike brought back some cuttlefish.
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
SOME-ONE WHO HATES MIKE
IF IT'S ABOUT THE CUTTLEFISH, GRANDMA, YOU SAID THERE'S NO NEED FOR AN APOLOGY
SO WHO STUCK THE FLY RIBBONS ON MIKE?
.....
BESIDES, IF YOU DRAGGED IT MORE PROPERLY, WE COULD HAVE USED THE ONES INSIDE
It's a present.
Take it!
A bundle of them.
WHY... WHY DID YOU STEAL SOMETHING YOU DON'T EAT!
Mike does not really like this kind of food
SHOPPING PLAZA ADACHI
Although the cuttlefish was from Adachi Shopping Plaza,
Grandma said never to mind because this settles the score.

MAYBE THE ADACHIS HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT AND ARE ANGRY AT MIKE NOW
KIMITERU, I THINK IT'S BETTER TO GO APOLOGIZE!
IT WAS A PERIOD WHEN RESOURCES WERE SCARCE.
BUT CUTTLEFISH IS MOPE EXPENSIVE
AND BREAD WAS HIGH-CLASS FOOD!
That's what I feel
Maybe it was 40 years ago!


30 years ago, a cat from the Adachi Shopping Plaza stole a bag of bread from Grandma.
This is 30 years ago?

IF WE INDULGE MIKE, HER REVENGE CAN BE REALLY SCARY!

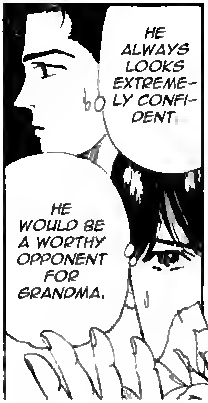

BUT FLY RIBBONS ARE SELDOM USED NOW
YOU'RE RIGHT...
SHE MUST HAVE GOTTEN THE FLY RIBBONS ON HER WHEN SHE WENT TO SOMEONE ELSE'S BATHROOM TO PLAY!
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE AROUND HERE WHO'S STUPID ENOUGH TO LAY HANDS ON GRANDMA'S CAT!
WALK
WALK

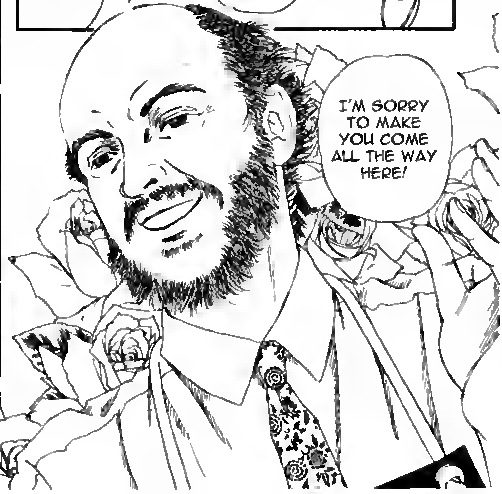

MIKE
IT'S MIKE!

ショッピングプラザ あだち
リンタイ
ギンビル

RUNS AWAY!

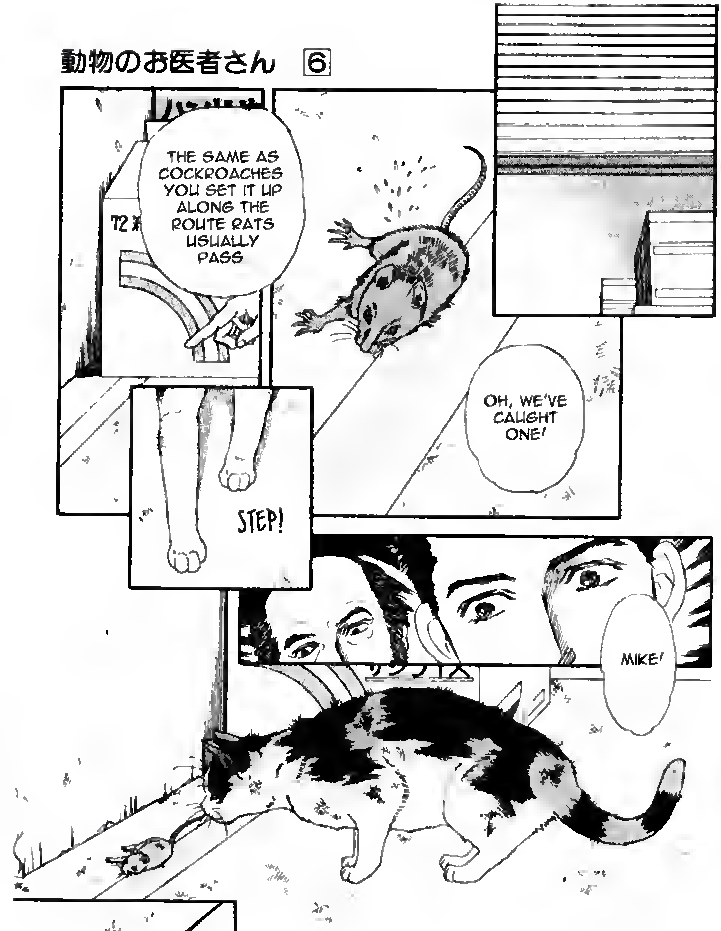
LET'S SETTLE THE CUTTLE-FISH MATTER FIRST!
SHE IS STILL VERY CAUTIOUS

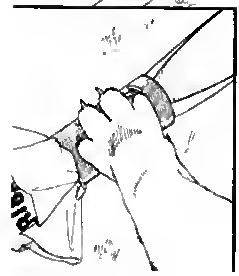

HE ALWAYS LOOKS EXTREME-LY CONFI-DENT.
HE WOULD BE A WORTHY OPPONENT FOR GRANDMA.


I'M SORRY TO MAKE YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE!

NIKAI-DOU, LOOK!
FLY RIBBONS
THE SAME BRAND TOO—
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING HERE ARE YOUR CHANGES AND SOME GIFTS
THIS MAN SEEMS TO KNOW SOME-THING!
RUBBI
BBQ

LIKE CATS?
ME NEITHER, BUT IT CAN TRAP SOMETHING ELSE TOO BESIDES FLIES
.....
WE DON'T HAVE THAT MANY FLIES AT HOME
JUST JOKING. I GUESS IT CAN TRAP CICADAS AND OTHER INSECTS?
There's something wrong with your head!
You're right
HOW CAN IT TRAP SUCH A BIG ANIMAL?
CAN I TAKE A LOOK?
RIGHT, IT'S EFFECTIVE FOR TRAPPING RATS
YOU CAN TRAP RA
THEN COCK-ROACH-ES?
WHY WOULD I TRAP CICADAS!
I DON'T NEED TO GO THROUGH SUCH LENGTHS TO CATCH COCKROACH-ES!





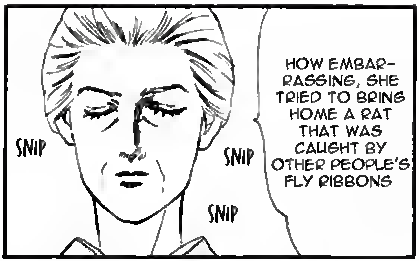
Kamuteru sees it with his own eyes:

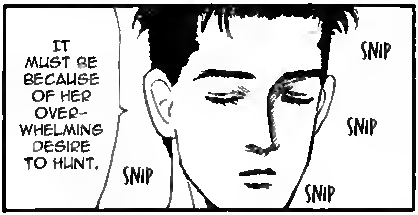
how Mike again faces bravely the challenge she had miserably failed to overcome the last time.

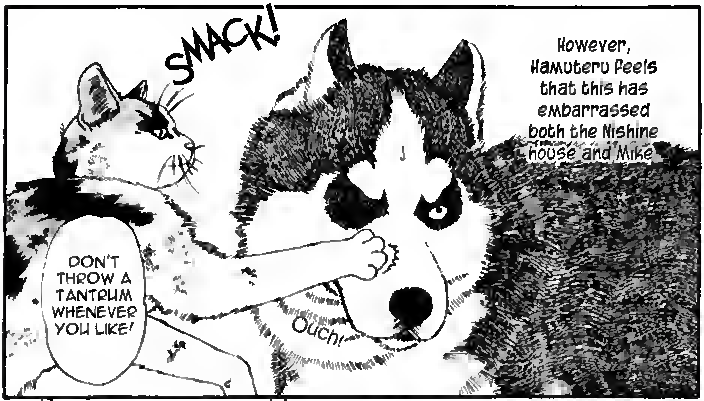
MEOW
SWIPE!
SCAMPERS AWAY

THU
SWISH
SMACK
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
SNIP
Argh!
Yet again, Mike failed.
stick
NIKAIDOU, COME AND HELP.
THERE'S NO MORE RATS
I'd have to wear gloves.
NO WAY!
WRAP THIS AROUND HER AND TAKE HER HOME!
I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS

I SEE, MIKE CAN USE THIS AS A SUBSTITUTE! LOOK! LOOK!
Then again, it might be better than chasing flies in other people's bathrooms.






SMACK!
DON'T THROW A TANTRUM WHENEVER YOU LIKE!
Ouch!
However, Hamuteru Peels that this has embarrassed both the Nishine house and Mike

It seems that Adachi Shopping Plaza has stopped trapping rats to prevent Mike from rising up to the challenge again.

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